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# Saltonstall Has Plan To Speed Missile Work

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WASHINGTON—Senator Saltonstall (R-Mass) proposed yesterday that more money for research and development be put directly in the hands of the Secretary of Defense rather than the three military services in order to cut red tape and speed action on high-priority missile programs.

He made the proposal during questioning of Defense Secretary Neil McElroy, a witness at yesterday's Senate investigation of this country's missile-satellite efforts. The Massachusetts senator did not specifically call for greater overall spending on missile development. He suggested that some of the money be taken from the Army, Navy and Air Force and assigned instead of the secretary's special "emergency fund." This change, he urged, should start with the new defense budget being drafted for Congress' inspection next year.

The emergency fund is used in most urgent research and development needs which can be financed by reprogramming funds already on hand. Eighty-five million dollars was voted for it during the current fiscal year.

"It seems very advisable in the new budget to cut down some of the research and development money allocated to the various services, and put bigger amounts in the pockets of the defense secretary," Saltonstall told McElroy. "Then you would have enough money available to channel into any situation."

"It will give you a certain amount of opportunity for getting rid of red tape and making quick decisions on our weapons programs," the senator said.

## Receptive To Idea

McElroy, receptive to the idea, replied that such a reassignment of funds would be recommended

in the case of our intermediate range ballistic missile (IRBM) and anti-missile programs. He said greater flexibility in spending by his office is "attractive to us." Saltonstall suggested that concentration of more research and development in the special emergency fund should not be restricted to those two programs.

## Mum on Testimony

Talking to reporters earlier, Saltonstall declined to be drawn out on details of the highly secret presentation given the subcommittee by Central Intelligence Agency Director Allen W. Dulles. Other senators used words such as "shocking" and "disturbing" to describe the Dulles testimony relating to U. S. estimates of Soviet strength, but Saltonstall would say only that the Dulles presentation was "of intense interest and of great importance to the committee as it affects the security of our nation."

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